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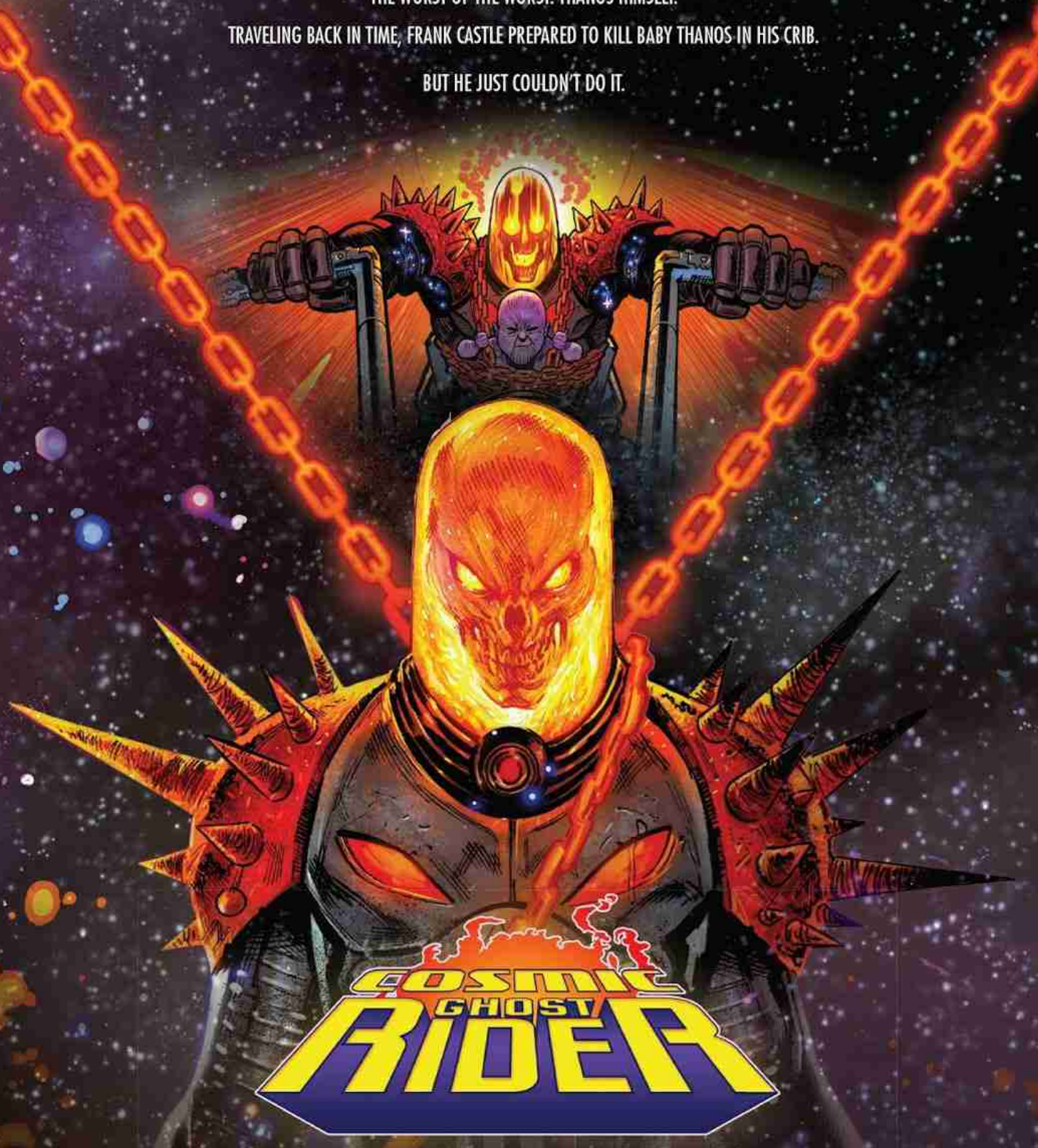


FRANK CASTLE WAS A DECORATED MARINE AND AN UPSTANDING CITIZEN WHEN HIS FAMILY WAS KILLED IN A MOB HIT. FROM THAT DAY, HE WAS A FORCE OF RETRIBUTION...IN LIFE AND IN HIS ROLES AFTER DEATH — AS GHOST RIDER, AS HERALD OF GALACTUS, AND AS THANOS' RIGHT HAND MAN.

THEN FRANK DIED FOR REAL. BUT HE WAS UNABLE TO REST IN VALHALLA, KNOWING THERE WAS JUSTICE LEFT TO SERVE AGAINST THE WORST OF THE WORST: THANOS HIMSELF.

TRAVELING BACK IN TIME, FRANK CASTLE PREPARED TO KILL BABY THANOS IN HIS CRIB.

BUT HE JUST COULDN'T DO IT.



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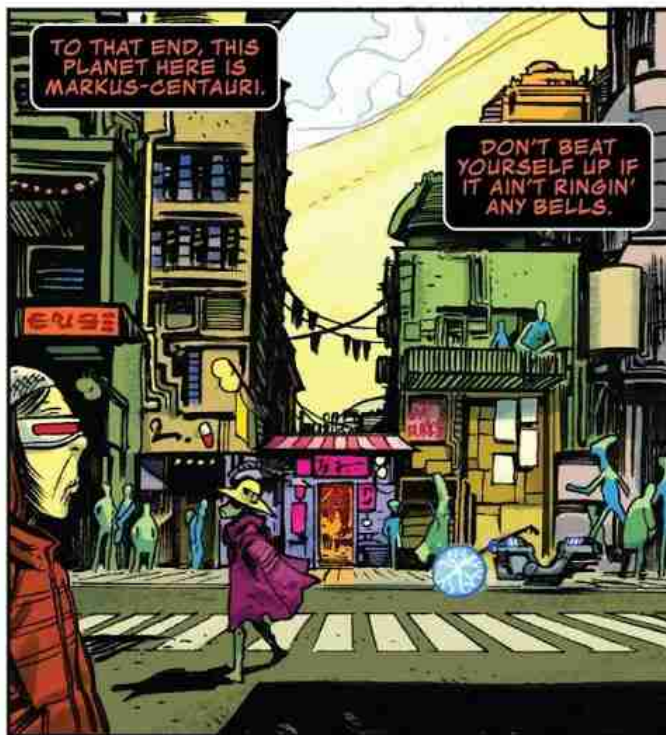
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FEW HOURS AGO, I STOLE
A 3-YEAR-OLD THANOS
FROM HIS CRIB ON TITAN.

NOW I WAS THINKING MAYBE I'D GO
AND GET HAMMERED UNTIL I CAME UP
WITH THE OTHER HALF OF THAT PLAN.



TO THAT END, THIS
PLANET HERE IS
MARKUS-CENTAURI.

DON'T BEAT
YOURSELF UP IF
IT AIN'T RINGIN'
ANY BELLS.



ONLY REASON I KNOW ABOUT
IT IS 'CAUSE A BUDDY TOLD
ME A STORY ABOUT IT ONCE.

REALLY ONLY TWO
THINGS YOU NEED TO
KNOW ABOUT IT.



ONE, THEY
GOT A KILLER
HAPPY HOUR...

BARTENDER!
'NOTHER
ROUND!



...AND TWO, EVERYONE AND EVERYTHING ON THIS
PLANET IS ABOUT TEN MINUTES AWAY FROM DYING.

YEAH,
JUST PUT IT ON
MY TAB.

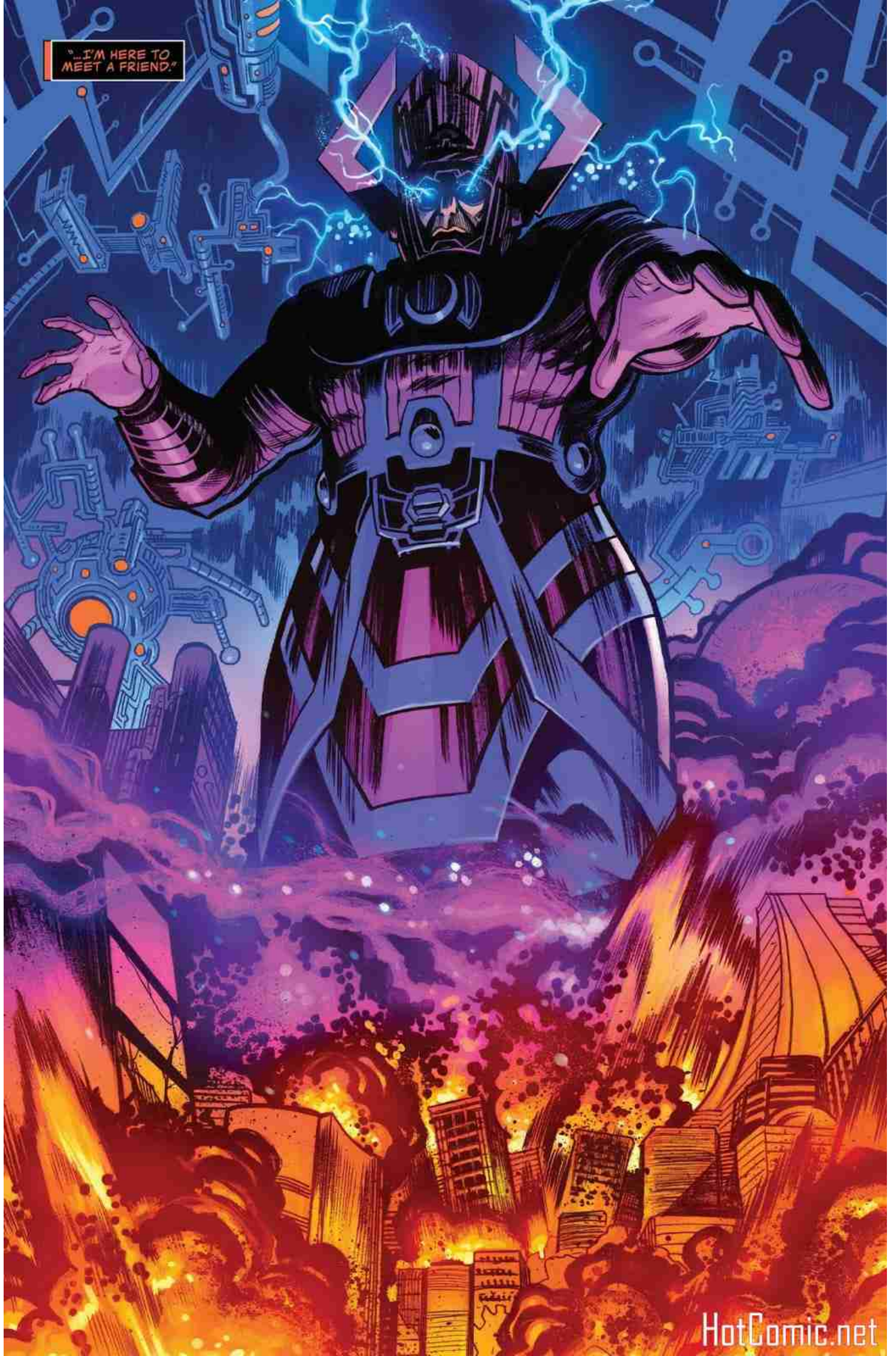








"...I'M HERE TO
MEET A FRIEND."













GALACTUS RIPS MY
MIND OPEN SEARCHING
FOR ANSWERS.

IF I WASN'T
ALREADY INSANE,
I WOULD BE NOW.

FOR ANYONE ELSE,
HAVING THE DEVOURER
SCOUR THROUGH THEIR
BRAIN WITH THE
AWARENESS OF A
SENTIENT GALAXY
WOULD BE TOO MUCH.

BUT ME,
WELL, I BEEN
HERE BEFORE.

ME AND GALACTUS...WE USED TO ROLL
THROUGH THE STARS HUNTING THANOS
DURING HIS LAST STAND TO KILL EVERY
LIVING THING IN THE UNIVERSE.

WE FAILED.

HE WON.

AND I ENDED
UP AS THANOS'
SLAVE.

I GOT A LOTTA
THINGS TO
MAKE UP FOR.

DONE A WHOLE HELL
OF A LOT WRONG, AND
GOT A WHOLE MESS
OF REGRETS.

...BUT MY TIME WITH
GALACTUS HUNTING
EVIL IN THE ABYSS?

THOSE WERE SOME
OF THE BEST DAYS
OF MY LIFE.





AND NOW YOU HAVE BROUGHT THE CHILD TO ME.

YEAH, RIGHT. I WAS THINKING MAYBE WE--

SO THAT WE MAY KILL IT.



OH, UM... ACTUALLY, NO. I'M TRYING A DIFFERENT THING NOW.

I WAS GONNA TRY TO REHABILITATE THE KID, AND MAYBE HE WOULDN'T--



YOU HAVE HAD MORE CHANCES THAN MOST TO END THIS TERROR, FRANK CASTLE.

MORE CHANCES THAN THE BOY DESERVES.

GIVE THANOS TO GALACTUS.

GALACTUS WILL KILL THE CHILD.



YOU KNOW WHAT, BUDDY? I'VE HAD ENOUGH BIG PURPLE DUDES ORDERING ME AROUND. IF YOU WANT THE KID, YOU GOTTA GO--

SKY BABY!

SKY BABY?









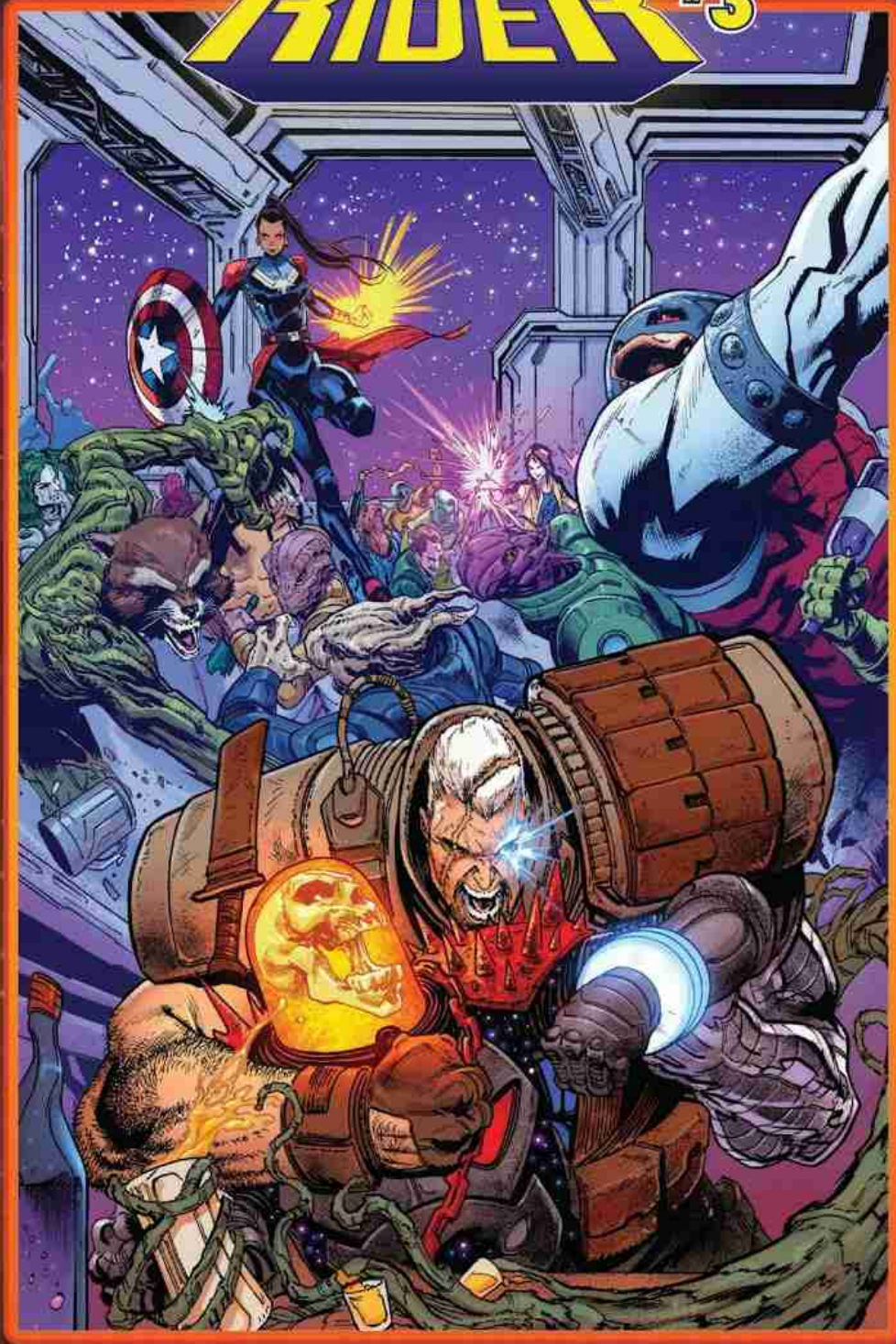


...AND WE'RE
THE GUARDIANS OF
THE GALAXY.

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